JOHN SHANNON & WINGS OF SOUND

Songs of the Desert River

EUROPEAN EDITION

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This recording is dedicated to music visionary
Hector Zazou and the American Indian ghost dancers
of the late 19th century. In the stillness of the spirit.
Peace. JS

1. DARKNESS

Is it true / There are things that you no longer have to choose? / What will you do? / What will you choose?
Are you free? / Can you see enough to finally let it be enough to see?
What will you choose?

Somewhere / In the darkness there is a shallow If you go you'll be there tomorrow / If you don't I'll go on with you / And if you do, I'll do it too
Somewhere in the silence / There is a shining / I do wish it on you / If you go there'll be no more hiding / If you don't it calls to you

Is it true / There are things that we no longer have to choose? / What will we do? / What will we chose? / Are you free? / Can you see enough to finally let it be enough to breathe? / What will you see?

Somewhere / In the darkness there is a shallow If you go you'll be there tomorrow / If you go I'll go on with you / If you don't I'll do it too
Somewhere there's a silence / There is a shining / I do wish it for you / If we go there'll be no more hiding / If we don't it still calls to you

2. WAVE TO THE RIVER

Just in time / Like a wave to the river
Peace of mind / Cause we're going to my home / All this time / Like a page in the sky / Cause you know we can't go wrong / Like a river to the sound

One thing that I know now / There's no losing time

Just in time like a wave to the river Step in line / Cause we're moving along / All this time It's like the Earth cries / For the spirit of the song / Like a river to the sound

One thing that i know now / There's no losing time

3. DESERT RIVER

I can feel it / Like a river inside
To the ocean The places we hide
In the distance from the mountain you see / All the places that you've ever been / In the middle / To the center inside / Superceding all the places you hide
In the desert there's a river I'm sure / I know what i'm
going for

I can feel it / Like a river inside
To the ocean The places we hide
In the distance from the valley I see All the places that you've ever been In the middle / The center inside Superceding all the places we hide
In the desert / There's a river I'm sure I know what I'm going for

I can feel it / Like a river inside
To the ocean / The places we hide
In the distance / Form the mountain you see / All the places / We've ever been / In the middle / How about the center inside / Superceding all the places we hide / In the desert
There's a river I'm sure / And I know what I'm going for

I speak it out loud / Now it's a feeling, / Shine away / Speak loud
River take me home

4. HURRICANE

Who's to say it's the sound of the sun
When the feeling that I'm under
Is the eye of the hurricane? / In the morning when the day is done / And you have to call it off / To tell me that you never were there / Who am I?
I'm the reason that you walk into the sun again / Who am I? / I'm the reason that you don't look back
Who am I? / Darlin' let go the sun is in your eyes again / Who am I? / Gonna let go so we get back

In comes the light from the eye of the hurricane / I keep completing what I thought was the end again...

Who's to say it's the sound of the moon / When the cougar is among us The eyes of the hurricane / And in the evening when the day has begun
And you have to call it off / To tell me that you always were there / Who am I? / I'm the reason that you walk into the sun again / Who am I? / I'm the reason that you don't look back
Who am I? / Darlin' let go the sun is in your eyes again / Who am I?
Gonna give up so we get back... / In comes the light from the eye of the hurricane / I keep completing what I thought was the end again / In comes the light from the eye of the hurricane I keep completing what I thought was the end again

Who's to say it's the eye of the hurricane?

5. CONSECRATE

Look up the sun is spinning / Look down the earth is turning 'round / Look up the stars are shifting / And if you're gonna consecrate, consecrate the ground
I don't recall the day I was born
I didn't have a name but I was (I didn't have a place but I was) / I'm coming from the sun and moon and stars
I'm coming from the place that I was
I didn't have a name but I was born
I don't recall the place but I found one
I didn't have a name but I was born
I don't recall the day that I was
They tell me that I was, they tell me that I was / Look up the moon is phasing
Look down the river flows around
Look up the eagle's calling
And if you're gonna consecrate
Then consecrate the ground / If you're gonna concentrate the concentrate of what's been foundow my name / Til the end / Forever is when

6. FOREVER IS WHEN

I can catch a wave anywhere that I go
There's a slow motion in the way that you show / What you're showing to me / In the light of tonight / It's all the same
I can lose the day in the moment of truth
There's a new season in the way that you saw / What you're seeking / Like the light of forever / It's all the same

Days gone / Call my name / I won't go back ever again / I know my name / Til the end / Forever is When

I can catch a wave anywhere that I go
There's a new river in the way that you know / Put your knowing to it / Like the light of tonight / It's all the same / We can lose the day anywhere that we go
There's a new praise in the way that you show / What your showing to me / In the light of forever / It's all the same

Days gone / Call my name / I won't look back ever again / I know my name / Til the end / Forever is when

7. SPIRITS ON THE SAME TRAIN

Spirits on the same train / Open your eyes / Watching your life go by like the sound of rain / You can call it what you'd like / Into the night Into your night time flight / Like a satellite

The wind speaks low when it's calling you on / The air is still cold at the break of the dawn / But it's the same song / In the same sound / Is there a reason to your reason at all? / Is there a season or a feeling of the fall / I will not run back to you / We Are

Spirits in the same sound / Open your eyes / Watching your time go by like the sound of rain / You can call it what you will / Into the night / Into my night time flight / Like the birds on high

But the air blows low when it's calling your name / The wind is still cold outside of the flame / I will not run back to you You are like the sound in the sound of rain / We are like a lost child on a lost train / In a lost world / In a lost mind Where we are

Spirits on the same train / Spirits in the same sound / You can call it what you'd like

Spirits on the same train / Spirits in the same sound / Uou can call it what you will

8. DAWN BREAKS

Dawn breaks away from me / In the midnight stillness I can see / Time waits beside my side

Like an angel of death / That i left behind There's a fire inside / Gonna let it burn a little while. / You can use my name / Like the eastern sun / Like you did when you were young / And life was a child / now, it's gone aflame

Darkness bestows on me / From the candle I can see / That nothing is as it seems / Just remember what the Star said and you'll see / There's a fire inside Gonna let it burn a little while / You can use my name / Like the northern sun Like you did when you were young / And life was a child / Now it's gone aflame

9. DAYS GONE BY

Days gone by / Calling out your name I wanna wake up now / Don't want to be the same / As I was, as I could have been You want to go alone / I want to go within

Days gone by calling out / Rising tides all about / You are you / Time is time

Maybe now / There will be a light Coming from where you are / Coming from who you are / Maybe now / Things will be alright / If we could see that far If we could be that far

Days gone by calling out / Rising tides all about / You are you / Time is time

10. TELL THE MORNING

Tell the morning that we're leaving soon
You know it's true / I go to see you like the sun goes in the moon / No more deceiving it, the time has come / Believe in me / There is no other way to go / I think you should know

You let down the walls / And I don't speak a thing / You let down the -- / It feels like summer rain / Inviting the fall

Tell the morning that the song begins
Believing in it / Tell the forest that you know / What you should know / No more retrieving it / The time is lost
Believe in me / I go to tell you that you know / Yea you should know

You let down the walls / And I don't speak a thing / You let down the -- / It feels like summer rain / Inviting the fall

11. NEW WINTER

Wish it away / But come what may
There's a new winter / Calling our name
If i go alone / No place to call my home
Is it a sad song / Calling me on?

Wish it away / But come what may
There is no wonder / In losing your way

If you go alone / No where to call your home / It's a new winter / Calling us on

12. INTO THE UNKNOWN

Reach out and let it go / Cause it's a feeling that nobody knows / What are the words that they say? / I feel it like it's in my bones / Time is the weight of the world / You feel it like you're on your own / And you just don't know / Well someday we will go to the unknown

Reach out and let it be / Cause that's a feeling that nobody sees / What are the words that they said? / I feel it like it's in my bones / Time is the weight of the world / You feel it when you're on your own and you just don't know / Well someday we will go to the unknown

I can say there's a feeling inside my name
Who will know will know / All the while a fever burns on my brow / And I can see the road leading me home

Reach out and let it go / Cause it's a feeling that nobody knows / What are the words that they say? / I feel it like it's in my bones / Time is the weight of the world / You feel it when you're on your own / And you just don't know / Well someday we will go to the unknown

To the Unknown...

Other releases by John Shannon:
Album: American Mystic (OS 105)
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